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BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR TO OFFER FREE SHOTS, HEALTH SCREENINGS

Immunizations, blood pressure and vision screenings, lead information and other health services will be available FREE at the "Back to School Health Fair" at South Division High School, 1515 W. Lapham Blvd. on Friday, August 18th, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Safety information and how to access affordable health care will be available, along with thousands of giveaways, including basic school supplies. The fair is free and open to ALL parents and their children who attend school in the Milwaukee area, public and private.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to have many of their children's health needs addressed and their questions answered by medical, dental, safety and law enforcement experts", said City of Milwaukee Health (MHD) Commissioner Bevan Baker. "One of our priorities is to make sure that all children are current with their immunizations before school starts, so that every child begins the school year healthy and ready to succeed."

Sponsored by Covering Kids and Families Wisconsin, MHD is partnering with Milwaukee Public Schools, United Health Care, Abri Health Plan, Aurora Health Care, Community Advocates, Managed Health Services, and Children's Community Health Plan. In addition area hospitals, health-related businesses, and community organizations will provide additional services and information on how to access BadgerCare, Medicaid, Healthy Start and other benefit programs.

The fair will feature free refreshments and snacks, as well as entertainment and free school supplies. Children must be accompanied by an adult to receive the school supplies.

For more information on the Back to School Health Fair, visit the City of Milwaukee Health Department website at www.milwaukee.gov/health, or call 414.286.6009 or 286.6008.

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